Danañ ca, generosity; this is the way to auspiciousness.

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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

YANGON, 1 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Islam A Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September 2004. — MNA

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Towards development of agricultural research

A strong national economy is an essential factor for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democracy and development of the agricultural sector plays a vital role in strengthening the national economy. Therefore, agricultural research is very important to development of the agricultural sector, the main pillar of the national economy.

The Government has established Agricultural Research Department so that research on agriculture can be seriously carried out.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt on 28 August visited Agricultural Research Department so that research on agriculture can be seriously carried out.

Now, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, Agricultural Research Department has been conducting research in all seriousness. Owing to the establishment of Agricultural Research Department, it is possible to conduct various research on agriculture in one place and to modernize the research work.

As it is necessary for responsible personnel to render assistance, Agricultural Research Department will have to not only provide quality strains but also disseminate modern cultivation methods to farmers. Moreover, researchers will have to continue research work on quality strains that can earn foreign exchange and preserve the country’s original species of crops.

Agricultural Research Department is now taking all the necessary measures to carry out research on genetics of plants, species, and cultivation of maize, edible oil crops, beans and pulses and industrial crops.

We would like to call on agricultural experts and researchers to do more research work so that they will be really able to contribute to the development of agriculture, the main industry of the nation.

**People’s Desire**

1. Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
2. Oppose those trying to jeopardize the stability of the State and progress of the nation
3. Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
4. Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**FM U Win Aung sends felicitations to Uzbekistan**

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**POEM**

**We, Myanmar**

One who deliberately creates difficulty
Again shaping himself to be a saviour
He deceives human beings,
Makes them believe.
If one relies on such person,
He will likely be surrounded by social evils.
Despite much difficulty,
We will never fall into the den of hardships of others.
Only when we solve the problem,
And overcome the hardships
Can we be able to live independently and presitigiously.
My life will become independent one with prestige.
With this conviction and perseverance,
We will go on forever.

Byan Hlawar (Trans)

**Dr Myint Thein wins Asian Veterinary Science Prize, Hill’s Award**

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Annual General Meeting for 2004 sponsored by the Asian Association of Veterinary Schools was held in conjunction with the paper reading session at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 23 August.

Professor (Head of Department) Dr Myint Thein of the University of Veterinary Science under the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries attended the meeting and presented a research paper on test-tube baby calf.

The association chooses and awards the best three resource persons. This year also, two papers presented by experts from the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia, and one paper presented by Dr Myint Thein of Myanmar have been chosen as the best papers. And Dr Myint Thein was presented Asian Veterinary Science Prize, Hill’s Award together with ¥ 100,000. Dr Myint Thein obtained Ph.D degree from Putra University, Malaysia in 2003. — MNA

**Thailand association to donate robes to 30,000 Myanmar monks, nuns**

YANGON, 31 Aug — Myanmar officials and Thai experts today discussed the holding of a ceremony to present robes and almsbowl to 30,000 Myanmar Buddhist monks and nuns by a religious association in Thailand.

The agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was signed by the Ambassador of the two countries in New York on 25 August 2004. — MNA

**Alternative chairmen of National Convention plenary session meet**

YANGON, 31 Aug — The members of the panel of alternative chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at Kyakkasan Grounds here this afternoon.

At the meeting, Dr Myo Thant Tin acted as alternative chairman.

It was attended by members of the panel of alternative chairmen Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law, U Yaw Aye Hla, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint, U Mya Aye, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw and Maj-Gen Aung Khin.A. Joint-Secretary-2 Dr U Thaung Myint of the NCC Work Committee, members U Ba Han and U San Tun, Director of the Office of the Work Committee U Than Aung, and others.

At the meeting, discussions were made for the compilation and scrutinization of the data collected by the panel of alternative chairmen from the papers submitted by the eight delegate groups in respect of the distribution of legislative power at the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July so as to submit them to the National Convention by the time it is reconvened.

The meeting came to an end in the afternoon. — MNA

**Let’s render helpful hands to establishment of self-reliant libraries at every village**

As of 31 August 2004, altogether 6,750 self-help libraries have been opened nationwide

Books and periodicals can be donated at District/Township Information & Public Relations Department
War in Iraq stokes fire of marchers

Baghdad, 30 Aug—Angered by the war in Iraq and determined to oust the President who launched it, hundreds of thousands of people marched Sunday to protest the Bush administration on the eve of the Republican convention.

Marchers banged drums and tambourines, carried peace signs and cardboard coffins, chanted and blew whistles as they followed a 6-block route that passed Madison Square Garden, the site of the Republican convention beginning Monday.

Protesters’ signs ranged from the prosaic to the profane and called Bush names ranging from “warmerong” to “bad public speaker.”

Opposition to the war in Iraq and criticism of the Bush administration’s justification for it were the overarching themes. “We have no business there,” said Robin Gearing, 42, of Canton, Ohio, whose son Richard Stano is an Army private now serving in Iraq. “We’re looking for something we’ll never find. All we are doing is killing our children.”

Gearing, a bartender, said she had learned Thursday that her son is hospitalized in Iraq for reasons she does not know.

Her sign included a photograph of her son and the words: “Hey Bush, my kid is in Iraq. Is yours?” The President “is a money-grabbing pig. All he wants out of Iraq is the oil,” Gearing said.

“Hey, he was a Bible-toting liar,” said Sue Niederer, 55, a real estate agent from Hopewell, NJ, whose son, Army Lt. Seth Dverin, was killed in Iraq in February.

United for Peace and Justice, the group organizing the march, claimed that 400,000 people participated. Police would not give an estimate of the crowd. An unnamed city official told the Associated Press there were 120,000 people. Four hours after the march up Seventh Avenue began at 23rd Street, protesters were still passing Madison Square Garden nine blocks away, and marchers at the back of the assembly point waited nearly an hour and a half to begin walking.

Police lined the streets with metal barricades and wooden sawhorses. Where the route turned south, rows of officers in riot helmets and on horseback blocked the northeast streets. Lynne Gordon, 56, of White Plains, NY, was among the demonstrators offended by the Republicans’ choice of New York for a convention. She was working across the street from the World Trade Centre when it was attacked.

“When we were running for our lives, he was sitting in a classroom,” Gordon said, referring to Bush’s visit to a Florida school the morning of September 11. “He thinks the war would stop terrorism?” she said, starting to cry. “Terrorism has escalated since then. Al-Qaeda has mushroomed since then. He hasn’t protected me. He didn’t rescue me. How dare he?” — Internet

Oil attacks hurt Iraq badly

Baghdad, 30 Aug—An attack on Iraq’s main southern pipeline has seriously hampered critical oil exports in the struggling country, Iraqi officials say.

The attack took place Sunday, officials said, and repairs will take about a week.

Such attacks, Iraq’s Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said in an exclusive interview with CNN’s Walter Rodgers on Monday, were “harming Iraq quite badly.”

“The revenues, the oil prices have increased dramati- cally, and this is causing great loss for the Iraqi people in terms of revenues which could be used for the reconstruction of the country, and to pay the people and get the economy cycle back again,” he said. “Unfortunately this is not hap- pening yet because of the sabotage that is happening all the time by terrorists.”

Attacks on the oil lines — and the continuing insurgency Allawi said, were “a sign of a determined enemy to wreak Iraq and to wreck the political process in Iraq and to undermine Iraq in order to undermine the whole region and shake the peace of the world.” This is how we see things in Iraq,” he said — Internet

France races against clock in Iraq hostage crisis

Cairo, 30 Aug—France scrambled to secure the re- lease of two French journalists kidnapped in Iraq by mili- tants who have given Paris until Monday evening to drop its ban on Muslim head- scarves in schools.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, visiting Egypt as part of a French mission to rally support in Iraq and the region, made an impassioned plea to the Islamic Army in Iraq to free Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot.

The militant group, which last week said it had killed Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, Saturday gave the French government 48 hours to rescind the headscarf ban, without saying what would happen to the two Frenchmen if it failed to comply.

“We will continue, come what may, to follow all contacts... with civil and religi- ous personalities to explain the reality of the French rep- ublic... and obtain the re- lease of these people,” Barnier said in Cairo.

Iraqi Sunni and Shiite Muslim groups and Islamic groups outside Iraq urged the kidnappers to release the journalists, noting France’s opposition to the Iraq war and saying journalists were not combatants.

The crisis stunned France, which waged a campaign against the US-led war and so had consid- ered itself relatively safe from militant attack. France also opposed the 1990-2003 economic sanctions on Iraq.

Chesnot of Radio France Internationale and Malbrunot, who writes for the dailies Le Figaro and Ouest France, dis- appeared on August 20 on their way from Baghdad to Najaf, the day after Baldoni was taken hostage.

“France, due to its position on the war in Iraq, has hoped the situation there was going to improve, said Le Figaro. “This was not the case.” — Internet

Shaukat Aziz sworn in as Pakistani Premier

Islamabad, 30 Aug—Pakistan’s new Prime Minister, Shaukat Aziz, a technocrat and trusted ally of military leader President Pervez Musharraf, was sworn in on Saturday.

A former Citibank executive who has led the turnaround of the economy from the verge of bankruptcy over the past five years, Aziz was elected to the post on Friday by a vote in the National Assembly, a foregone conclusion in its pro-military majority.

Musharraf, dressed in a suit rather than military uniform, stood alongside Aziz at the President’s House as the two men read the swearing in oath following a Muslim prayer and the playing of the national anthem by a military band. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, the information minister in the former Cabi- net, said Aziz would announce his Cabinet on Tuesday or Wednesday. Aziz is expected to keep the finance portfolio.

India’s Broadcasting Minister says Media Commission soon

Hyderabad, 30 Aug—With the growth of elec- tronic and print media, the Indian Government plans to set up a Media Commission to act as a monitoring body of code of ethics being fol- lowed in news industry, fed- eral Information and Broad- casting Minister S Jaipal Reddy said.

“The Media Commission will replace the Press Com- mission as numerous televi- sion channels have cropped up”, Reddy said at a book release function in the capi- tal city of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Sun- day. He also spoke sugges- tions from various journalist- ists unions and academics to provide more teeth to the Commission as the existing Press Council has “limited say in implementing ethics code in publishing”.

The enormous growth rate in the print and elec- tronic media should be prop- erly utilized and caution needs to be exercized in dealing with delicacies, he said.

Media should play a constructive role and as the dividing line between edi- tors and owners has been slowly erasing, it is neces- sary to have a Media Com- mission to safeguard the values of fourth estate, he said.

MNA/PTI

Pakistan seeks for “strategic restraint”

Islamabad, 30 Aug—Pakistan Sunday sought to play down India’s test-firing of the Agni-II missile, saying that it has taken note of it and would hold talks with New Delhi on the subject in near future while maintaining that “strategic restraint” is in the interest of both nations.

“We have noted that In- dia has tested a surface-to- surface missile. In accord- ance with an existing under- standing, the Indian Govern- ment, through their High Commission in Delhi, had given us prior notification about this test,” Pakistani Foreign Office spokesman Masood Khan said in a state- ment.

Khan said Pakistan too has been testing missiles in the recent past to validate technical parameters of its missile systems.

“Pakistan and India are committed to working towards strategic stability,” Khan said.

MNA/PTI

Iraqi soldiers keep guard in Najaf, Iraq, on 30 Aug, 2004. After last Friday’s peace deal between rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US soldiers in Najaf, the situation is slowly getting back to normal. — Insight

A woman walks through her partially destroyed home in Najaf, Iraq, on 30 Aug, 2004. After last Friday’s peace deal between rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US soldiers, the city is slowly on its way back to normal life. — PIB

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Australia’s Labour renews pledge to bring troops home from Iraq

SYDNEY, 30 Aug — The opposition Labour Party renewed its pledge to withdraw Australian troops from Iraq if it wins October 9 elections, Australia’s conservative Prime Minister, John Howard, contributed 2,000 soldiers to the US-led invasion of Iraq last year and about 850 Australian troops remain in the area.

Labour Party leader Mark Latham opposed the war and drew a sharp rebuke from US President George W Bush earlier this year for vowng to withdraw the Australian contingent from Iraq by Christmas, something Bush said would be “disastrous”.

Latham reaffirmed Monday that Labour stood by the Christmas pullout target, but said a Labour government would continue to aid the reconstruction of Iraq through the United Nations.

“It is a matter of Australi

a’s national interest and the best contribution we can make is in Iraq, in Labour’s judgment all along... needs to be made through the UN,” he said.

“That’s where our policy is pitched.”

Latham, who once fa

mously called Bush the most dangerous and incompetent US president in living memory, countered that a strong alliance with Wash

ington did not mean having to resign after Lord Hutton’s report.

“There are disagreements and with the appropri

ate diplomatic language you can make those disagreements known and get on with the business,” he said.

Howard, 65, will be the first of the three former war 

Proponents who invaded Iraq to put their fate in the hands of voters when he seeks a fourth term of office on October 9.

Bush faces a presidential election three weeks later on November 2 and British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s government is expected to go to the polls early next year.

Spain’s conservative Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar was the first to pay the price for his government’s involvement in Iraq, al

though he only sent troops in once the regime of President Saddam Hussein had been toppled.

A wave of train bomb

ings in Madrid on March 11 was linked to Spain’s troop presence in Iraq and played a central role in his election defeat three days later at the hands of the Socialist Party.

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Ex-BBC journalist blasts government over Hutton

EDINBURGH, 30 Aug — Former BBC journalist Andrew Gilligan had harsh words for Tony Blair’s Government and the BBC’s board of governors on Saturday in his first public appearance since resigning in the wake of the Hutton report.

“My main feeling now is not of anger. It’s of open

mouthed awe at the govern

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Tobacco kills 16,000 in Gulf region annually

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The GCC groups the oil-rich states of Bahrain, Ku

wait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Based on a report by the World Health Organization (WHO), member countries of the GCC spend 819.67 million US dollars on tobacco prod

ucts every year and 45 deaths occur among smokers in these countries every day, the daily reported.—MNA/Xinhua

UAE troops deploy in Sadr City on 30 Aug, 2004. Talks between the Iraqi government and the office of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr aimed at ending violence in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City were stumbling over the fate of weapons belonging to Sadr’s Mehdi Army. — Internet

Workers clean up debris in the streets after weeks of fighting in Najaf, Iraq, on 29 Aug, 2004. — Internet

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Iraqi son urges release of French newsmen

Baghdad, 30 Aug — The son of an Iraqi driver taken hostage along with two French reporters urged his kidnappers on Sunday to release them unharmed.

Ayman al-Jundi, son of driver Mohammed al-Jundi, told Al Jazeera television his father and two journalists, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, were at stake. Chirac said in a televised address on Sunday evening.

"Backed up by this national unity, I solemnly call for the release of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot. Everything is being done and everything will be done in the coming hours and days to achieve this." Chirac said in a televised address on Sunday evening.

Shortly after Chirac laid out France’s position, Foreign Minister Michel Barnier flew to Cairo on a Middle East tour meant to tap regional contacts and win the journalists’ release.

The Islamic Army in Iraq, which last week said it killed Italian journalist Enzo Baldo, on Saturday gave Paris 48 hours to rescue France’s headline man, without saying what would happen if it does not. Chesnot worked for Radio France International (RFI) and Malbrunot for daily newspapers Le Figaro and Ouest France. They disappeared en route from Baghdad to Najaf on August 20.

A US Army soldier guards the perimeter as Iraqi fire fighters work on controlling a burning pipeline near Baghdad on 30 August, 2004.

MNA/Reuters

British oppsn attacks US for shielding Blair

London, 30 Aug — Britain’s opposition leader accused the US Administration on Saturday of protecting Prime Minister Tony Blair after a daily newspaper reported that he had been told he would never meet the US President.

"I would like to tell the people who took my father and his colleagues hostage that they have nothing to do with the decision of their government. "Please, let my father go. He has a wife and children who are waiting for him," said, adding that his father was the only breadwinner in a family of five. France’s opposition to last year’s US-led war on Iraq and the ensuing occupation won its public support in the Middle East, where the conflict has inflamed anti-US sentiment. But France’s ban on Muslim headscarves in state schools sparked curiosity by some Muslim scholars in the region.

On Sunday, President Jacques Chirac sent Foreign Minister Michel Barnier to the Middle East to try to win freedom for the journalists, who disappeared on the road to Najaf on August 20.

MNA/Reuters

Chirac delays Russia trip over Iraq hostage crisis

Paris, 30 Aug — French President Jacques Chirac has put off his planned departure for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in Crimea because of the Iraq hostage crisis, his office said on Sunday.

Chirac, who won Putin’s and Schroeder’s backing last year in his campaigns against the US-led war in Iraq, was due to leave during the day on Monday for the two-day meeting in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

MNA/Reuters

UAE labour market grows 7.5% annually

Abu Dhabi, 30 Aug — The working population in the United Arab Emirates has doubled in the last 10 years, increasing by more than 109 per cent between 1993-2003, according to the latest statistics provided by the Ministry of Planning, the total population increased by 79 per cent during the same period, with an average annual growth rate of 6 per cent. Three-fourths of the working population, which has witnessed an average annual growth rate of 7.5 per cent during the 10-year period, are now engaged in the tertiary service sector, the report added.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE cement sector hit by surge in global coal prices

Abu Dhabi, 30 Aug — The cement sector in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is affected by a recent surge in international coal prices, the local Khaleej Times reported here Friday.

Sources from the sector said global prices for coal, which is used in the cement manufacturing process, have registered a 14-per-cent increase in the last three months, soaring to 90 US dollars per ton against 77 dollars per ton earlier, the newspaper reported.

The current price is a 55-per-cent increase over that of last year when prices were hovering around 40 dollars per ton.

Local coal importers believe a hike in freight rates coupled with increase in fuel prices for transporting coal, prices, the newspaper quoted the sources as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

China’s mobile phone export value doubled in January-July

Brunn, 31 Aug — China, the world’s biggest exporter of mobile phones, saw a 104.9 per cent increase in the value of its mobile phone export, which stood at 7.15 billion US dollars in the January-July period this year, the Ministry of Commerce said Monday.

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Producers of the exported handsets are mostly joint ventures with companies. Motorola, Siemens, Nokia and Ericsson accounted for 66 per cent of GSM mobile phone units exported. Home-grown GSM mobile phone companies exported only 4 per cent of the total GSM handsets.

China’s cell phone exports cover 99 countries and regions worldwide. The United States, Hong Kong, Germany and Singapore are the four largest markets, occupying three-quarters of the total export. The rapid growth in cell phone export resulted in a surplus of 6.3 billion US dollars in the seven months, up 270 per cent over the same period last year.

Ministry officials attributed the surplus to China’s increasing R&D capacity, which enabled domestic manufacturers to rely less on imports when they expanded their production capacity.

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China’s cell phone exports cover 99 countries and regions worldwide. The United States, Hong Kong, Germany and Singapore are the four largest markets, occupying three-quarters of the total export. The rapid growth in cell phone export resulted in a surplus of 6.3 billion US dollars in the seven months, up 270 per cent over the same period last year.

Ministry officials attributed the surplus to China’s increasing R&D capacity, which enabled domestic manufacturers to rely less on imports when they expanded their production capacity.

MNA/Xinhua
Those who daren’t show their face — 59

Paik Sa

Once, a friend of mine told me that the act of staging demonstrations in front of some embassies to earn some money is an intolerable job. At one time, a writer, who is no more at present, parted from the demonstrators as soon as he knew that they were working for money. But what I want to present in this article is about the programmes of some foreign radio stations to commemorate the unrest. Are they trying for a recurrence of the unrest in the nation?

It is crystal clear that democracy and anarchy are totally different from each other like the east and the west. Because of their terrible situation they were facing during the unrest, the people of Myanmar have understood that it is the Tnatmauk that saved the nation in time from the brink of falling into an abyss. Nobody can deny the fact that the four-8 disturbances met its end and it failed to win the public support. I pity and also like to ridicule him much for presenting a wrong analysis at the interview.

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Efficient use of electricity

* Use daylight as the main source of light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-mega-watt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar will save US $ 5.5 million in a year
* The amount, US $ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River
Achievements in the energy sector

Liquefied gas factory of the Ministry of Energy in Nyaungdon-Pantaw-Maubin oil field.—MNA

No 21 well of Nyaungdon oil and gas field. — ENERGY

Oil Field No-1 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Thagyitaung oil and gas field, Pauk Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division. — MYANMA ALIN

The Energy Searcher Drilling Machine at work at the Shwe-1 test well in Block No A-1, offshore Rakhine coast. — MNA
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives visiting Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army

YANGON, 31 Aug — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Kinnmyintha at 6 pm today. Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thaha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Vice-Chief-Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win.

The visiting Thai General and party were accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun.—MNA
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Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party were welcomed there by member of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials.

Next, Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials conducted the visiting Thai General and party round the booths of the museum displaying the drug elimination activities undertaken from the times of Myanmar monarchs to this date. The visiting Thai General signed in the visitors’ book.

They proceeded to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township. Major Kyaw Kyaw Myint of the Directorate of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute and officials welcomed them. The visiting Thai General and party were conducted by officials round the booths in the museum. The visiting Thai General signed in the visitors’ book.

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YANGON, 31 Aug—Madame Veena Shinawatra, wife of General Chaisit Shinawatra, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army, accompanied by Daw Yin Yin Nwe, wife of Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Khin Win Kyaw, wife of Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung, Mrs Venus Nakpun, wife of Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar Col Kasam Nakpun and officials, visited the Drug Elimination Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here and they were welcomed there by Assistant Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Ohn Myint and Deputy Assistant Director Daw Aye Myo Naing.—MNA

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Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army visits downtown Yangon, Shwedagon Pagoda

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Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 31 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by Director of Ordnance Services Maj-Gen Sein Lin of the Ministry of Defence and officials, left here by air for Indonesia this morning to attend the ceremony to commence the 14th ASEAN Defence Services (Army) Shooting Competition to be held in Indonesia. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Administrative Board Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Maj-Gen Nyan Win, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials.— MNA

Upgrading of roads inspected

YANGON, 31 Aug—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected the tasks of upgrading and beautifying the roads in Yangon and gave necessary instructions fulfilling the needs.

The commander and the mayor saw over paving concrete slabs, replacing concrete kerb stones, placing lids on drainage, repaving the roads in Mingala Taungnyunt, Bahan and South Okkalapa Townships and inspected construction of cross-over bridge that links Kandawgyi and Zoological gardens.

The head of engineering department (roads/bridges) of YCDC reported them on the tasks implementing for making the city beautiful and tidy. They gave necessary instructions on timely completion of the projects. — MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador Dato Cheah Sam Kip and wife at the dinner hosted to mark the 43rd Anniversary of the National day of Malaysia on 31 August 2004. — MNA
Economic infrastructure and regional economic standard depend much on correct management of township level departmental officials

PM General Khin Nyunt inspects development of Yedashe, Toungoo

YANGON, 31 Aug — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left Thagara on 29 August morning by helicopter and arrived Yedashe at 11.55 am.

They attended the ceremony to lay cornerstone for Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Thagara, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, in the morning. They were welcomed by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni, senior military officers, local authorities and local people.

On arrival at Yedashe Basic Education High School, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by teachers and students. At Aung San Hall of the school, the Prime Minister met local authorities, departmental personnel and social organization members.

Chairman of Yedashe Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Than reported on location, population, land and water resources, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2003-2004, cultivation target for monsoon and summer paddy in 2004-2005, local food and edible oil sufficiency, production of 10 main crops, livestock breeding, education, health and requirements of regional development.

The Prime Minister heard reports on education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding sectors, afforestation, development and transport tasks by officials and fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister in his speech said that the purpose of his tour was to fulfill the requirements for development of Yedashe Township. In the previous tour of Yedashe Township, he also attended to the need for regional development. At the present ceremony, in response to the reports by the officials, he had attended to the requirements for raising the education and health sectors as well as regional development through coordination. In this regard, respective departmental officials, townelders and people on their part are to make concerted endeavours for regional and national development. Departmental officials and the entire people are to make combined efforts to achieve success in building the three fundamental requirements essential for national development. The first fundamental requirement is to ensure stability, peace and prevalence of law and order. Only when there is community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, will the State’s administrative machinery be effective over the nation and can development projects be implemented in a systematic way.

In the peace, past stability and peace could not be restored in Bago Yoma mountain range region and its environs including Yedashe Township owing to armed insurgency. But now peace and stability has been restored, so township level departmental officials are to make field trips down to rural areas to organize local people by fulfilling the requirements in order to win their enthusiastic participation for ensuring prevalence of law and order.

The second fundamental requirement is to build economic foundation and to ensure strong economy of the State.

Economic infrastructure for rural regions and townships and regional economic standard depend much on the correct management of township level departmental officials. The departmental officials engaged in the sector of agriculture and livestock breeding, fundamental businesses of rural people, are to take a leading role and to attend to their needs. Based on interrelation, departmental officials and local people are to be united in carrying out the tasks to boost productivity and to further strengthen the regional economy and to elevate the living standard of local people. The third fundamental requirement is to ensure oneness of the people with firm resolution or to ensure national solidarity of the entire people. Only when the entire people are well equipped with national spirit, patriotism and Union Spirit flourish and they join hands firmly in discharging nation-building duties, will the nation develop and exist as long as the world does. Adhering to the concept that with equitable development of all parts of the Union, national solidarity can be strengthened more and more, the government has been implementing different development projects including the five rural development tasks across the country.

Through the effective exertion of the strength of social organizations in respective townships and enlisting their great strength, township level departmental officials are to make zealous efforts for regional development then all-round development of the Union.

The more the people witness correct endeavours and sympathetic assistance of departmental officials, the more they will place their reliance on the State and participate in the nation-building endeavours and the greater success can be achieved in carrying out regional development undertakings. With the participation of the people in unison in nation-building endeavours, it is then going to be possible for the entire people to give their whole-hearted support in the nation-building endeavours and the greater success can be achieved in carrying out regional development undertakings.

On arrival at Yedashe Township Hospital, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Nay Aung, doctors and nurses. The Prime Minister inspected units of the hospitals and gave necessary instructions. Next, they went back to Pyinnmana.

The Prime Minister and party yesterday morning arrived at Pyinnana Township Hospital where Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe of Health Department, Medical Superintendent Dr U Nyunt Hlaing, doctors and officials welcomed them. The Prime Minister inspected units of the hospital. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the hospital. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on clean and pleasant of the environs of the hospital and attended to the needs. Afterwards, they flew to Toungoo from Pyinnmana by helicopter. The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials. The Prime Minister and party went to Toungoo University where Deputy Director-General U Sein Win of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), the rector, faculty members and departmental officials welcomed them.

In the briefing hall, Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo reported to the Prime Minister on academic and management matters, progress of construction works and future tasks. Minister for Education U Than Aung and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports. The Prime Minister instructed them to build the university in a grand style in accord with the master plan in a short time and attended to the needs. He then inspected the site for construction of the main building of the university and progressed the role and to take all tasks.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to self-reliant Linyaunggyi Library and Basic Post-Primary School in Lebu Model Village beside Toungoo University Road and fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister then met local people. On arrival at Toungoo Government Technological College, Director-General U Kyaw Soe of Mechanical and Vocational Education Department, Principal U Soe Win and teachers welcomed them. In the meeting hall, Principal U Soe Win presented reports on academic and management matters of the college and the design for new Toungoo GTC. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the design of the college. Then, he cordially greeted the faculty members. At Toungoo Government Computer College, the principal and teachers welcomed the Prime Minister and party. In the meeting hall, Principal U Khin Aung Soe reported on academic and management matters and requirements of the college. Minister U Thaung gave a supplementary report. Next, the Prime Minister cordially met with the teachers after fulfilling the requirements.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected the site for the main building of the college. The commander and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the site. The Prime Minister attended to their needs. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to Toungoo Airport. Next, they left there and arrived back here in the evening.— MNA

Three-storey buildings of Toungoo University. — MNA
Government paying serious attention not only to economic development but also to long-term development of people

Thephyu Dam—163rd in the country—opened

YANGON, 31 Aug—A ceremony to open Thephyu Dam built on Thephyu Creek to the north-west of Yebayoe village, Lewe Township, Yamethin District in Mandalay Division by Construction-5 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held yesterday morning, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for A&I Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, senior military officers of the Central Command, officials of SPDC office and Irrigation Department, division-level departmental personnel, local authorities, members of social organizations, local people, band troope and pom pom troupe totaling 8,000.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that Thephyu Dam will be able to supply water to 66,700 acres of paddy field. Moreover, the dam will be able to irrigate other farmland through Yeni, KyaukOho diversion weir, he said.

Water for agricultural purpose is scarce in most of the townships in Mandalay Division and farmers had to rely on rain to grow crops, he said. Therefore, with the aim of raising the living standard of locals and ensuring water for both agricultural purpose and household use, dams and reservoirs have been built, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects implemented in the regions including Mandalay Division where water is scarce, he stressed.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint continued to say that at a time when all-out efforts are being made for national development based on the agriculture sector, water resource is being pooled for agricultural development. Increased use of water resource is important to green environments and raising the socio-economic life of the people, he said. Altogether 42 dams and reservoirs including Thephyu dam have been built in Mandalay Division and these facilities benefit over 334,000 acres of farmland, he elaborated. The government spent 10,067.61 million kyat on building these irrigation facilities, he said.

Moreover, 70 river water pumping stations have been built in Mandalay Division to irrigate over 53,686 acres of land and nine river water pumping projects which are under implementation will be able to supply water to 66,700 acres of land in the near future, he said. In the whole country, there are now 163 dams including Thephyu Dam, he said. Lt-Gen Ye Myint quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that if the government is striving day in day out in the interests of the people; if the Tatmadaw is not only performing its national defence duties but also serving in the interests of the people and if the people, on their part, are participating to their capacity in the nation-building tasks, the nation will surely develop.

In accord with the guidance, he said, farmers and service personnel are needed to double their efforts. The united efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw will surely bring about equitable development of all regions in the State and she will be able to stand tall among the nations of the world. Realizing goodwill of the State, he said, all are to participate in national development endeavours and regional development tasks. Moreover, all are to participate in hand in hand with the government, in endeavours for successful implementation of the seven-point policy programme of the State, he said.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, on behalf of the State, honoured the officials of the Ministry of A&I and urged the local people to strive for agricultural development in the region using water supplied by Thephyu Dam and also urged them to maintain the dam.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin made a speech. He said that Thephyu Dam is the 163rd one of its kind built in the time of present government, that dams and reservoirs and river water pumping stations built in the country are now benefiting over 40 million acres of farmland. He said that the capacity of growing crops has reached 153 per cent throughout the country, that there are good foundations for agricultural development, that effective use of these foundations will diminish the barriers, that Thephyu Dam will contribute much towards growing sugarcane that is important to sugar mill in the region, that the Ministry of A&I is striving for raising the living standard of farmers and agricultural development, that agricultural development will surely raise the living standard of farmers thereby contributing much towards development of the State’s economy, that in today’s world, there are limitations in tapping water resources and all are paying serious attention to decrease of water resource, that it can be seen that the situation in Myanmar can overcome these difficulties and thus all are striving for national development.

In conclusion, the minister urged the farmers to effectively use the water for growing crops and greening environments. Afterwards, the commander made a speech. In his speech the commander said that in 2003-2004, 614,305 acres of land were put under monsoon paddy and 192,099 acres under summer paddy in Mandalay Division, that in three years period from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007, arrangements are being made to put 726,179 acres of land under monsoon paddy, that Thephyu dam is the 42nd one in Mandalay Division and that local people are to conserve forests in the watershed areas. Next, a local thanked the government for building the dam. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscriptions of the dam. The commander and the minister formally opened the dam. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the minister and party viewed round the dam.

With the total length of 3030 feet and height of 90 feet, Thephyu Dam is located eight miles from Thabayar village in Lewe Township to the north-west of Yebayoe village in the township of Yamethin District, Mandalay Division. It is the 163rd one of its kind built by the State. It will benefit 1200 acres of farmland in Yebayoe, Imhin and Nyangautsoe village tracts and it will supply water for agriculture purpose in Lewe region and contribute towards greening of environments and regional development. After the ceremony, Director U Victor of Construction-5 reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on geographical features of the dam, background history of the dam and arrangements being made for supplying water to farmland. Director General U Kyaw San Win made a supplementary report. After giving instructions on supplying water to monsoon paddy fields, Lt-Gen Ye Myint left the dam.— MNA

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Bucharest, 30 Aug — Five people died in floods which swept across eastern and southern Romania at the weekend, damaging hundreds of homes and disrupting road and rail traffic, authorities and media said on Sunday.

Three children and an elderly woman in the eastern county of Vâlcea drowned after being caught by swollen rivers when coming back from the fields. Officials said another woman, aged 76, was killed by swollen waters in the south-eastern county of Tulcea.

Nearly 1,000 houses were flooded in the Balkan country, with over 350 houses damaged in the southern county of Constanța, the worst hit by the floods.

Television images showed tourists walking waist-deep in water on the streets of Black Sea resorts and cars stuck on roads with water nearly reaching the windscreen.

Authorities said about 200 litres of rain per square metre fell in Constanța over the past 24 hours, exceeding the sewerage system’s capacity.

Around 60 kilometres of roads across the country were covered by mucky waters and traffic had to be halted, while two railways were deep under water.

Preliminary data showed that over 6,300 hectares of farmland, mainly vineyards in the eastern county of Vâlcea, were damaged.

Powerful typhoon Chaba set to hit southern Japan

Tokyo, 30 Aug — A powerful typhoon was poised to strike the southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu on Monday, threatening large areas of the country with strong winds and heavy rain.

The storm is likely to be the strongest to hit Japan this year. Winds at its centre were gusting at up to 180 kilometres per hour. The speed of the typhoon is expected to increase, causing more damage, with up to 800 millimetres of rain expected in some areas on the next day.

After hitting Kyushu, Chaba is expected to turn to the northeast, the Meteorological Agency said. It is then forecast to move along Japan’s western coast on a path similar to that of typhoon Megi, which set off landslides and flooding that killed 10 people in Japan and at least three in South Korea earlier this month.

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Lack of funds blocking Brazil’s space programme

Brasilia, 30 Aug — In sufficient funds constituted the main reason for the failure of Brazil’s space programme, which has seen three unsuccessful attempts at sending a rocket into space, the legislative commission said on Saturday.

The latest failure took place on 23 August, 2003, in which a rocket that was going to send two national satellites into orbit exploded, killing 21 Brazilian experts.

The commission’s conclusion echoed the opinion of Brazilian Defence Minister Vieira who admitted that the shortage of funds was the root cause for the spacecraft tragedy although official report showed that the accident was caused directly by a short circuit in the rocket system.

The government’s commission said lack of investments in new equipment, security measures and training of the personnel working on the space programme led to the tragedy.

According to the government’s commission, the government budget on space programme was reduced from 15.3 million US dollars in 2002 to 86 million dollars in 1998.

In addition, Tereza Fernandes, a member of the commission, said low salaries at the Space Base of Alcantara made many technicians and officials hold extra jobs to meet their own needs.
Indonesia reports more forest fires on Kalimantan island

JAKARTA, 31 Aug—Forest fires and hot spots were spreading at an alarming rate across the Indonesian island of Kalimantan, at a rate of over 100 a day over the last week, an Indonesian official said.

“The latest report on Saturday from our staff in west central and east Kalimantan says that the hot spots have reached 400 while on Thurs- day and Friday hot spots were only 200 and 300 respectively,” Deputy Forestry M in- ster for Ecosystem Maintenance and Forest Protection Benny Santoso told Reuters as saying on Saturday.

He said: “The quick spread of fires was caused by strong winds in some areas, which pushed the fires to the east from west Kalimantan to the forested areas of central Kalimantan and east Kalimantan.”

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Retired airline pilot George Brunstad, 70, enters the water at Dover, England, on 28 Aug, 2004, in his bid to become the oldest person to swim the English Channel. Brunstad, from Ridgefield, Conn., who is the uncle of Hollywood star Matt Damon, hopes to beat current record holder Bertram Batts, from Australia, who was 67 when he made the 21-mile journey in 1987. — Reuters

70-year-old becomes oldest channel swimmer

LONDON, 30 Aug —The 70-year-old uncle of Hollywood star Matt Damon became the oldest person to swim the English Channel on Sunday, arriving on the French coast in the early hours after a gruelling 21-mile swim.

“I am tired, but this is it, I’ve got the world record and I feel wonderful,” George Brunstad told Reuters by telephone from the British port of Dover, after returning by boat and having a short sleep.

“When I arrived I just said ‘Praise the Lord’, stood on the beach and raised my arms in a V sign,” the retired American pilot added.

The swim took 15 hours and 59 min- utes and Brunstad, a champion swim- mer who had trained for the challenge for a year, took the record from a 67- year-old.

He raised about 12,000 dollars for Hai- lian children. — MNA/Reuters

China proposes spending $120b on power by 2010

BEIJING, 30 Aug — China, plagued by energy shortages that threaten to crimp economic growth, could spend a hefty 1 trillion yuan (120 billion US dollars) to boost power generation capacity more than 50 per cent by 2010, industry officials said on Sunday.

The world’s second- biggest power user after the United States, China could add 215,000 to 245,000 megawatts of capacity between 2006 and 2010, ac- cording to a report to be sub- mitted to the government by the China Electricity Council.

Investment in power generation was estimated at 1.05 trillion yuan over the five years, while spending on power grids could be 750 billion yuan, the proposal said.

China now has 400,000 megawatts of installed cap- acity and is estimated to have a 40,000-megawatt shortfall.

With power shortages striking more than two-thirds of China, electricity produc- ers have poured billions of dollars into building new generators, but many will take years to come on line.

Meanwhile, blackouts have forced factories and businesses to shut down for hours or days at a time, and top officials have said the shortages could hit the boom- ing economy, which ex- panded 9.6 per cent in the second quarter compared with a year earlier.

The report, which in- cludes proposals for inclu- sion in China’s next Five Year Plan mapping out broad economic targets, said the country should accelerate reform of the sector by turn- ing power companies into shareholding firms and en- couraging cash-starved grid companies to list on stock markets. — MNA/Reuters

More New Zealanders support giving aid to poorer countries

WELLINGTON, 31 Aug — The number of New Zealanders who support giving international aid to poorer countries is growing, according to a new public opinion poll result released on Monday.

Some 76 per cent of New Zealanders surveyed still support the government providing aid, which is up from 71 per cent in 1999.

NZAID, the New Zealand Govern- ment’s aid agency, and CID, the Council for International Development, commissioned the poll by UMR Research in February and March 2004.

Commenting on the poll, Minister for Aid Marian Hobbs said people wanted New Zealand to take some responsibility to help people suffering terrible poverty in other countries.

“They see it as our international duty,” Hobbs said, adding: “We feel more con- nected to the world today. People under- stand that our investment in international development and aid are our long term insur- ance policy against the sorts of violence seen in recent years, and the spread of diseases like SARS”

New Zealand’s aid budget supports such activities as promoting good governance and primary school education, for example in countries like Solomon Islands where less than 40 per cent of children complete pri- mary school.

It also helps establish small business ventures in many Pacific countries, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. It has supported the reconstruction of schools and providing clean water in countries like East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. — MNA/Xinhua

Canada, US fail to resolve beef trade dispute

OTTAWA, 30 Aug — Canada and the United States have failed to reach an agreement on resuming US imports of Canadian live cattle, local Press reported on Sunday.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Andy Mitchell came away empty- handed Saturday after arguing the case for reopening the Canada-US border to live cattle in a meeting with his American counterpart on Saturday.

Mitchell travelled to New York City specifically to meet US Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman face to face for the first time and described her as “very businesslike” as they discussed the mad cow crisis that has been hurting the Canadian cattle industry for 16 months.

In a brief interview after the meeting, Mitchell said he argued the Canadian case based on science, but it was not clear how well his position was received by Veneman.

The fact that Washington is moving so slowly toward reopening the border was a “made-in-Canada” solution all the more im- portant, he added. “It’s clear there’s no spe- cific end dates to the American review proc- ess,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the United States and other countries closed their borders to Canadian beef exports after a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, was discovered in May 2003 on a farm in Canada’s western province of Alberta. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to host PATA Travel Mart

BANGKOK, 30 Aug — The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) will host the 27th Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2004 (PTM) next month.

The 27th PATA Travel Mart 2004 will be held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre here on September 22- 24, TAT Governor Juthamas Siriwat was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Satur- day.

The three-day event is aimed at promoting tourism-related businesses in the region.

Juthamas said it would be a good opportunity for Thailand to publicize its improved communication networks and infrastructure at the event, including sky train, subway, the new Suvarnabhumi Interna- tional Airport, the expansion of commercial avia- tion routes, the operation of low-cost airlines, and the expansion of hotels.

She said the PTM would also assist member states in marketing strategies, and in promoting Thailand’s tourism destin- ations.

Thailand has hosted PTM twice — the first one in Bangkok in 1994 and the second one in Pattaya in 1996. — MNA/Xinhua
S Korea's Moon knocks out Greek

ATHENS, 31 Aug — South Korea's Moon Dae-sung won the men's taekwondo over 80-kilo gold medal at the Olympics on Sunday, knocking out his Greek opponent in the first round of the final.

Moon caught Alexandros Nikolaidis in the temple with a reverse roundhouse kick just over a minute into the bout.

Nikolaidis stumbled to the mat and although he was helped to his feet by his coach, he did not regain full consciousness for a couple of minutes.

"I am touched by what he (Moon) did after the fight, it was a nice touch but it didn't affect the bitter pill," said Nikolaidis.

The International Olympic Committee (FILA) said the athletes and federations faced sanctions and a possible $100,000 US dollars fine.

"I have issued both delegations warnings and both athletes and federations face the possibility of sanctions and a minimum fine of $10,000 US dollars depending on the findings of the disciplinary committee," said FILA president Raphael Martinetti.
31-8-2004 (Tuesday)

**Morning Transmission**

- **7:30** - **8:00** AM
  - Pilgrimage to Sagaing Monastery
- **8:00** - **8:30** AM
  - Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone (Rattala) Presentation
- **8:30** - **9:00** AM
  - Myanmar National Song ("Myanmar"")
- **9:00** - **9:30** AM
  - Myanmar Traditional Folk Songs
- **9:30** - **10:00** AM
  - Myanmar National Song ("Farewell"")
- **10:00** - **10:30** AM
  - Myanmar National Song ("Myanmar"")
- **10:30** - **11:00** AM
  - Myanmar Traditional Folk Songs
- **11:00** - **11:30** AM
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- **11:30** - **12:00** PM
  - Myanmar National Song ("Myanmar"")
- **12:00** - **12:30** PM
  - Myanmar Traditional Folk Songs

**Evening Transmission**

- **15:00** - **15:30** PM
  - Myanmar National Song ("Myanmar"")
- **15:30** - **16:00** PM
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**Weather**

- **9:45 pm**
  - Rainfall

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST**

- During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway, and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas.

**Gems Market**

- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:36 Producing of Quality Medicine

**Rainfall on 30-8-2004**

- **0.52 inch** at Yangon Airport, **0.12 inch** at Kaba-Aye, **0.08 inch** at central Yangon.

**Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**

- **96.46 inches** at Yangon Airport, **93.03 inches** at Kaba-Aye and **95.20 inches** at central Yangon.

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**Tuesday, August 31**

**View on today:**

**Morning News**

- **7:00 am**
  - 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Saya-daw U Ottamathara
- **7:15 am**
  - 2. ရားပေါင်း (ရားပေါင်းရာ) မှားဟား (ရားပေါင်းခြေ) ခရီးသွားမှု (ရားပေါင်းခြေ)

**Afternoon News**

- **2:20 pm**
  - 1. ရားပေါင်း (ရားပေါင်းရာ) မှားဟား (ရားပေါင်းခြေ) ခရီးသွားမှု (ရားပေါင်းခြေ)

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**Bengal Special Features:** According to the observations at 08:30hrs MST today, yesterday’s tropical depression over South China Sea has moved westward and centered at about (250) miles southwest of Hanoi (Vietnam) and it is forecast to move westward directly.

**Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Ayeyawady Bago and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon and Tanimhnyi coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water. Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-8-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.
YANGON, 31 Aug— The Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife Madame Veena Shinawatra arrived here by special flight of Royal Thai Army this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. The Thai goodwill delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and Defence, and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers, and their wives.

YANGON, 31 Aug — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San this evening hosted a banquet in honour of Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife Madame Veena Shinawatra at Zeyathiri Beikman here. It was also attended by State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-2 Li-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Li-Gen Thein Sein and their wives, Members Li-Gen Ye Myint, Li-Gen Aung Htwe, Li-Gen Khin Maung Than, Li-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Li-Gen Tha Ma Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Li-Gen Myat Hein and wife, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakosol and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpus and officials. Before and during the banquet, artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture entertained to the audience with Myanmar traditional music and dances. After the banquet, Myanmar traditional songs and dances were presented at the Thabin Hall. Thai General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife presented the flower baskets to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken.— MNA

Mugabe says will never retreat

HARARE, 30 Aug — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe vowed on Sunday he would never retreat in the face of what he called US and British Government attempts to oust him. In a speech to thousands of mourners at the burial of veteran Zimbabwean nationalist Eddison Zvobgo, Mugabe said the two countries wanted to topple his government following his seizures of White-owned farms to resettle landless Blacks. “They talk about regime change unashamedly... Who are they to us?”, he said to loud applause. “It’s not going to happen in this country. There will not be regime-change except through the people of Zimbabwe. They are the only ones who can bring about regime change,” he said. Mugabe, in power since Zimbabwe won independence from Britain 24 years ago, has been at the centre of a storm over charges he rigged his ZANU-PF Party’s victory in parliamentary polls four years ago and his own re-election in 2002. Mugabe said his government’s Western opponents, led by Britain, had deployed hundreds of people working under NGOs to destabilize Zimbabwe, and to try to oust him. “We are now wise, too wise to be cheated,” he said. “We shall never retreat.” In June, Blair told Parliament his government was working closely with Zimbabwe’s opposition Movement for Democratic Change on measures to be taken in Zimbabwe. — MNA/Reuters

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and visiting C-in-C of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra.— MNA

Daw Mya Mya San and Madame Veena Shinawatra seen at the dinner at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA